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❖ SPECIAL ❖ SEEDS ❖  
❖ For the Vegetable Garden. ❖

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*We plant in the Springtime our gardens,*

*We plant for food and the bounty, for beauty, perfume and rest:  
And deep in our hearts we know gladly the way of all Nature is best.*

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### Just a few words to my Gardening Friends.

MY SPECIALTY—A few varieties of Seeds well grown, sold right, at the right price, and delivered direct from the farm, by mail, to your door.

HOW TO SEND MONEY—Money orders made payable to me, drawn on this office, preferred where possible to get them. Please do not send checks for a less sum than one dollar. Clean two and five-cent stamps can be used for small sums in payment, when not convenient to remit in any other way.

There is pleasure and profit in a good garden. The old adage, "A good garden is Half your living," which means better living at less expense.

The value of the farm garden cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

A garden to pay at all must be well tended. Plants that have to fight their way among weeds never amount to anything.

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H. N. SMITH, ❖ (Cosmos Gardens,)  
WOODSIDE ROAD, R. F. D. BOX 7,  
SOUTH SUDBURY, . MASS.

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## BEETS, - Best Garden Varieties.

No other garden vegetable is more nutritious and palatable than good table Beets. Rich in sugar, the tops used for greens, while tender, contain iron in a most healthful form.

For early Beets, sow seeds when the soil becomes mellow in Spring. For Winter use, sow latter part of June. Beets require a rich strong soil. A packet will sow twenty feet of drill.

**Crosby's Improved Egyptian.**—The variety largely grown for early Beets; hardy, of rapid growth, roots smooth with small tops and small tap roots. Color, deep crimson, tender and of good quality.

**Early Blood Red.**—Very early, smooth, globe-shaped without rings or zones; tender and fine every way used. The result of many years selection by a practical gardener. All who plant a garden will find this a good one.

**Edmand's Improved.**—Medium early, rich dark-red color, smooth well formed Beets. One of the best either for Summer or Winter use, also for canning or drying. A good keeper, of fine quality and one of the best.

**Orange Globe.**—Beets bright orange-red, tender and sweet in all stages of growth without becoming tough later in the season, even when stored for Winter use. Distinct in foliage, mild flavored, more sugary, without any of that strong taste found in some early Beets. Roots large, globe-shaped, growing partly above ground. Not new, but a select strain worked out at Cosmos Gardens from Beets most distinct in color of both root and leaf.

—From the Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C.—

A very even stock. One of the best of the yellow globes I ever saw. We certainly think it is a desirable sort for the home garden. W. W. Tracy, Superintendent of Testing Gardens.

Price of either of the above varieties per ounce 15 cts. Packet 5 cts.

## BEANS, - Dwarf. Choice Sorts.

### EARLY PROLIFIC GREEN-PODDED WAX.

Early, very productive, large green pods, in clusters, stringless, tender and the best of its kind for the garden. Per lb. 25 cts. Packet 15 cts.

### SURE-CROP YELLOW PODDED WAX.

Black-seed, stringless yellow pods, more resistant to rust than most beans and more certain to produce a crop. Tender and fine for the table or used for canning. Early and one of the best. Per lb. 25 cts. Packet 15 cts.

### DWARF CARMINE HORTICULTURAL.

Carmine striped pods used as a green shell bean. Lb. 25 cts.; pkt. 15 cts.

### GIANT HORTICULTURAL POLE BEAN.

Known as the Worcester Pole Bean or King Horticultural. Large, rich carmine-red pods containing five or six beans of the largest size. Very fine green shell beans for the table. Per lb. 25 cts. Large packets 15 cts.

Price of Beans per Pound 25 cts. Large packet 15 cts. by parcel post.

## CARROT. Danvers Half Long.

A superior all-round variety, of best quality, early, productive and more extensively used than any other Carrot. Selected seed from best roots.

Price per ounce 15 cts. Packet 5 cts. A packet will sow 30 feet of drill.

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Try one of the new Kantloose Trowel-Weeders. Price 25 cents.



## ❁ CHOICE ❁ PETUNIAS. ❁

The Petunia is an all-round plant, suitable for almost any place in the flower garden, thriving in any soil, in sun or shade and covers a much longer season of bloom than many more costly plants.

I offer carefully selected seed of the following at growers price .

Single packets of either variety named below, each 5 cts.

### PETUNIA, STRIPED OR STAR-FLOWERED.

The earliest and most profuse of the single Petunias, bearing hundreds of flowers all through the season till freezing weather. The above photo engraving gives an idea of the star markings of some of the flowers, while others show a variety of stripes and spottings on lighter or darker ground. Sold only in mixed colors.

### PETUNIA, ROSY MORN.

Very dwarf, growing in compact form, eight to ten inches high; the flowers are a soft shade of carmine-pink and come quite true to color. This is the popular variety much used for porch boxes, vases, sun parlors and window plants in winter.

### PETUNIA, BALCONY MIXED.

A new type of trailing Petunias in self colors of blue, pink, rose, crimson and white in solid color free from veinings or marking and covered with a rich velvety sheen. Most profuse bloomers, unsurpassed for rock-work or vases; make handsome window ornaments, fine for porch boxes and are no less desirable for beds or borders in the garden. I have some choice hand-picked seed at a low price.

**H. N. Smith, Cosmos Gardens,**  
 Woodside Road, - South Sudbury, Mass.





## CUCUMBER.

**Mimm's Improved.**—Handsome dark-green color, straight and very smooth. Early, large in size, a great cropper and of the best quality.

When used for the garden, field or for forcing under glass, this variety has given excellent satisfaction where it has been grown. Private stock not sold by the seed trade. Per ounce 25 cts.; packet 7 cts.

**Early White Spine.**—Very early, of good form and color, productive tender and crisp. A favorite early sort. Per ounce 12 cts.; packet 5 cts.

## Early Yellow Sweet Corn.

**Early Golden.**—The original Golden Sweet Corn grown in New England for more than fifty years. It is very early, dwarf in height of stalk, sweet, tender and delicious flavored with a notable richness not found in the white sorts. Hand shelled from selected ears per pint 25 cts.; pkt. 12 cts.

**Whipples Yellow Sweet Corn.**—Was originated by Silas Whipple of Connecticut by crossing Whipples White with Golden Bantam. The ears are large, varying from 12 to 16 rows. The color of the kernel is medium yellow, very tender and sweet, better than the Golden Bantam and just as early. The stalks are tall and produce a large amount of fodder.

This variety is becoming popular of late on account of its earliness, size of ears and superb quality for market or home use. The seed offered is my own growing from originator's strain. Per pint 25 cts.; packet 12 cts.

## LETTUCE.

**May King.**—Extra early and forms close heads of the finest crispy flavor. The best early butterhead Lettuce for out door sowing. 7 cts.

**Hanson.**—A superior large head Lettuce. A fine garden sort. 7 cts.

## CANTALOUPE. Hearts of Gold.

A superior type of Musk Melon improved by many years selection. The melons are finely netted, round, of uniform small size, just right for a select home trade and of the best quality, sweet and most delicious flavored.

The vines are free from blight, yielding heavily till frost. Quite early.

Genuine seed, my own growing, per ounce 20 cts. Packet 7 cts.

## WATER MELON.

**Hungarian Honey.** } Small, extra early and fine for home use. The melons are round, solid, with deep red flesh and small seeds. Packet 5 cts.

## Cole's Early Water Melon.

The best early Melon for our short seasons, where none but the earliest will ripen before frost. Of good medium size, light-green striped rind; red flesh, thick meat, of superior quality, tender and sugary when ripe. I have grown this variety many years, selecting the earliest and largest specimens for seed stock until the melons grow larger in size and ripen earlier in the season. For the home garden or near market there is none better.

Price per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30 cts. Ounce 10 cts. Packet 5 cts.

## PARSNIP.

**Long Smooth White.**—The best variety. Per ounce 15 cts. Packet 5 cts.

## **RADISH, Early Scarlet Globe.**

Bright red, firm and crisp. One of the earliest. Per packet 5 cts.

**FRENCH BREAKFAST.**—Scarlet tipped white. A fine early Summer Radish, crisp, tender and mild. A popular sort. Per ounce 10 cts., packet 5 cts.

## **SPINACH, King of Denmark.**

The leaves are large, somewhat blistered, rounded, dark-green in color and no matter how large the leaves grow they are tender, delicious and of the best quality. Stands longer before running to seed. Per packet 7 cts.

**LARGE THICK-LEAF.**—Large leaves, a rapid grower; early. Packet 5 cts.

**NEW ZELAND.**—Not a true Spinach, but used for the same purpose. Low spreading plants, which produce an abundance of delicious tender greens all Summer. Soak the seeds in warm water before sowing. Packet 5 cts.

## **SQUASH.**

**EARLY BUSH CROOKNECK.**—The best known and most popular early Summer Squash. The original small yellow variety. Per ounce 10 cts. 5 cts.

### **NEW TABLE QUEEN OR DES MOINES SQUASH.**

Small dark-green Squashes weighing one or two pounds each, ridged, hard shelled, pear-shaped and set freely upon the vines. In quality, the flavor is delicious, sweet, rich and buttery, dry and mealy. Early, a good keeper and a fine garden sort. Per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40 cts. Ounce 15 cts.  $\frac{1}{4}$  ounce 5 cts.

### **THE "KITCHENETTE." A NEW WINTER SQUASH.**

A small sized early Hubbard Squash weighing five to eight pounds each that will ripen in our shortest seasons. Does not grow over large, but combines the rich sweet flavor and color of the old type Hubbard. An excellent fall and Winter sort. Per quarter-lb. 50 cts. Ounce 15 cts.

**BLUE HUBBARD.**—A large Squash; variable type. Same price as above.

### **Swiss Chard, Lucullus. Spinach Beet.**

The leaves are delicious when boiled and served the same as spinach. The plants afford a supply of greens a long time. Large packet 5 cts

## **SUNFLOWER. Mammoth Russian.**

This variety has large flower heads and produces seed in great abundance which are mixed with poultry feeds. Select seed at rate of 5 cts. an ounce.

## **Redhead Tomato.**

Very early, grows in big clusters, deep blood-red color, round, smooth in shape, never rough and fruits a long time. Mild flavored and free from any acid taste. For size, earliness and yield, one of the best Tomatoes grown.

Seed from best hand-picked fruit, quarter ounce 15 cts. Packet 10 cts.

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**KANTLOOSE HAND TROWEL WEEDER. A TROWEL AND WEEDER COMBINED.** A handy Garden Tool for transplanting and weeding. Price 25 cents.

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My Giant Early Cosmos for size, variety of colors is unequalled.